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Firefighters put it all on the line when they enter burning buildings

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When the tone goes over the radio indicating a need for the fire department, the men dedicated to the Elba Fire Department drop what they are doing and head to the fire station not knowing exactly what kind of situation they soon will find. Sometimes the fire is extinguished within a matter of minutes, and other times the firefighters spend hours battling a blaze...just as they did last Thursday evening when the local firemen were asked to respond to the scene of a house fire on Highway 84 West.

Elba Fire Chief Danny Jordan said there is no perfect fire nor is there a perfect way to put out a fire, but he said the number one priority for his department at every fire is safety.

"Every time we enter a structure, we try to set up and safety the area," he said. "We have policies and procedure that we have to go by, and we always prepare for the worst."

That type preparation came in handy during last Thursday evening's fire when a team of firemen were already inside the structure at the time when the fire's growth reached the flashover stage causing a sudden spread of the flames.

Jordan said if firefighters get really lucky, they can put out a fire with 50-60 gallons of water, but sometimes, it takes thousands of gallons of water. It depends mostly on the time in which firefighters are able to reach the scene. If someone reached a fire as soon as it began, he said it could probably be put out with only a small amount of water.

"Here, we're always behind," Jordan said. "We (Elba Fire Department) have a 90 square mile coverage area. We're

always playing catch up."

Once firefighters arrive on scene, Jordan said they have to decide the best way to attack, offensive or defensive. If the firemen use an offensive attack, he said they enter using everything they can (windows, doors, etc.) to put the fire out. If they attack defensively, it means the fire is already so far ahead that the firemen can not catch up with it; therefore, they are forced to protect everything around it.

"We're here to reach out to the people and do the best job we can for their safety," Jordan said. "If we err, we want it to be an error on the side of safety."

He said the firefighters train, train and train to prepare themselves for as many situations as possible.

"You don't have a second chance on this job," Jordan said. "If we err, we want it to be an error on the side of safety."

Because of this, Jordan said his department uses live fire training situations as much as possible to prepare the firefighters. Through this type of training, the firefighters know how to react to different situations and can handle them when changes happen suddenly.

For instance, a fire like the one last Thursday evening can reach 1,200-1,500 degrees. Jordan said firefighters do not go into a burning building without knowing how they are supposed to react.

"The important thing is that we all (firefighters) went home the other night. That's my number one priority as chief," Jordan said in regards to last week's fire. "We did have one fireman that went to the hospital because of smoke inhalation, but he stayed overnight at the hospital mostly for precautionary measures."

Jordan said it takes a special person to be a fireman. He said some are in the business entirely for the adrenaline rush, but a true fireman does it because it "gets in his blood." He/she accepts a calling to respond to the needs of the community. Possibly the mission statement of the Elba Fire Department best explains it:

"It is the mission of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department to respond in a safe manner to all reported emergencies in the City of Elba, Alabama and surrounding communities to help the citizens deal with natural and man-made emergencies, and with the resources available and with the utmost regard for the safety of the members of the department work to the best of its abilities to limit the loss to life, the environment and property."

On a side note, Jordan said as chief he would like to thank the merchants, business owners and city officials for allowing the Elba firefighters to respond to calls when the department is needed. He said the department has a good relationship with these citizens, and he is grateful that they recognize the importance of allowing the firemen to drop what they are doing in order to respond to a fire when the call comes over the radio.

NOTICE

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Due to the holiday, Church and Social News for next week's paper will be due Friday, Sept. 3, by 12 Noon.

The deadline for all other advertising and news will be Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 12 Noon.

Due to New Brockton Police Chief's resignation Officer Jerome Cobb asked to oversee daily operations of department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although the Town of New Brockton found itself without a police chief last week following the resignation of Boyd Hartzog, Mayor Charles Cole immediately filled the void by naming officer Jerome Cobb as the day-to-day operations manager.

Cole said he presented a letter to the police department employees last Wednesday, Aug. 25, officially announcing the resignation of chief Hartzog. He said the letter indicated that officer Cobb would be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the department effective immediately.

Hartzog, who had served as the chief of police for New Brockton since taking the oath of office on Sept. 22, 2003, cited personal reasons for his resignation. The mayor said Hartzog wanted to be able to devote more time to his ministry duties, as well as, other interests.

"I enjoyed working with him (Hartzog). He's a fine gentleman and a Christian man," Cole said. "I wish him the best in whatever he wants to do, and I'm glad to know he will spend some of that time administering to the Lord."

Cole said he and Hartzog had discussed his resignation on several occasions, but Hartzog agreed to stay with the department until after the municipal elections.

"I appreciate what he did for the town," said Cole. "He brought a lot of experience and knowledge from all his years in law enforcement, and that was a plus for us."

The mayor said Hartzog was a well-respected member of the law enforcement community and was well-respected in New Brockton.

While serving as police chief, Cole said Hartzog devoted a lot of time trying to clean up the town by having residents address matters regarding old buildings and junk cars. Also, he said Hartzog handled a lot of administration matters, working to secure grants and equipment upgrades for the police department.

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The Elba Fire Department responded to a fire at the home of Scotty Farmer last Thursday evening, Aug. 26, shortly after 7 p.m. The home's metal roof made it difficult for flames to escape the structure, and soon after a team of firefighters entered the house, the growth of the fire reached the flashover stage which allowed the flames to spread rapidly across it. The firemen were able to make their way out of the home without injury, and they approached from a different manner, Elba Fire Chief Danny Jordan said training prepares firefighters for such instances, and his department always approaches a blaze with safety in mind. As the photos indicate, the home received extensive damage from the fire. Firefighters remained on scene for several hours Thursday evening working to extinguish the flames. They returned to the scene again Friday morning.

Mulberry Park renamend in honor of long time teacher, coach and mentor Gaynes Waters



A large group of friends and other well wishers braved the heat on August 21st to help honor the naming of the Mulberry Recreation Complex to the Gaynes Waters Mulberry Recreation Complex.



Speakers from Elba and across the nation came forward to present Gaynes Waters with resolutions and proclamations honoring his 40 plus years of service to the community and area children.



An American flag which had flown over the U.S. capitol in Water's honor was hand delivered to Elba by one of his daughters.



Former player, later coach himself, New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole noted some of the great qualities of Mr. Waters.

Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 3, with the Elba Tigers playing host to the Cottonwood Bears, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Houston County, the Kinston Bulldogs playing host to Arton, the Zion Chapel Rebels traveling to Florala and the Brantley Bulldogs traveling to Goshen.

THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE in Ozark will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2 & 3, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

THE CITY OF ELBA offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be unchanged, and residents should have their cans by the road before 6 a.m. on Monday.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. To report an emergency, call the New Brockton Police Department at 894-5559.

WIREGRASS HOSPICE INC. will conduct its monthly GriefShare group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. in the community room of The Citizen's Bank, 301 S. Edwards St. (near the courthouse), in Enterprise. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Catrina Arnold at 347-3353.

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"We had a good relationship," Cole said. "I like the way he (Hartzog) handled things. He

kept me well informed on the matters that I needed to know about."

Despite the current absence of a police chief, Cole said there is no doubt that officer Jerome Cobb is now in charge of the department's daily operations.

"He (Cobb) has the authority to run the department," the mayor said. "Officer Cobb has experience running a department, and I feel confident he can handle the day-to-day operations."

Cobb began his law enforcement career in 1982 with the New Brockton Police Department. He worked with New Brockton for approximately three years before moving on to work with other departments including Level Plains, Newton, Midland City and the Opp Police Department.

Cobb also spent six years as a

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Officer Jerome Cobb currently is handling the day-to-day operations of the New Brockton Police Department.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Monday is Labor Day, a day more and more people are taking for that last holiday of the season. In fact, so many are honoring "Labor Day" that even The Elba Clipper will officially close... not because we really want to but because those we need to contact are somewhere grilling burgers - or are at the beach, etc. The problem these holidays cause with us is trying to make up the lost working hours and still make printing deadlines. Yours truly long ago came to almost detest holidays - any holiday that messed up the work week! However age is mellowing us a bit and rather than fight the problem, we close our doors and join the party. However if you see me around the office on Monday, just accept the fact that someone is still having trouble accepting not working on a normal work day.

The telephone company recently sent out some of those checks that automatically sign the endorser up for a monthly internet charge. We got one but went straight to the paper shredder with it. Others were not so observant, cashed the check and are now fighting \$25.00 charges on their monthly phone bill. We wonder just how many folks actually cashed the checks. Maybe someone should call the Public Service Commission on this deal. We have always considered such antics as bordering on the shady side, regardless of who does it.

The National Republican Convention is underway this week. We plan to spend exactly the same amount of time watching it on the tube as we devoted to the National Democratic Convention - exactly zero minutes! Of course we will be voting for George Bush in November, even acknowledging that he isn't perfect either. We are amused at the howling because some Bush supporters are knocking Kerry's war record as being low blows. Yet if our memory isn't failing these same anti-Bush folks spent months accusing George W. of going AWOL when assigned to the Alabama Air National Guard. So often we reap what we sow. This country boy is sick of the whole mess. We think there are enough true differences in the two major candidates for everyone to like or dislike without this mud slinging mess. Of course we can't pass up the chance to add in "if Kerry would get a position and stay with it." Oops, sorry loyal Democrats who were once our friends.

A recent gift we received is short recaps from authors who have appeared on the TV program "Booknotes." Boy is it filled with some goodies! An interesting position one writer took on Vietnam is this "America actually won - lost the battle but won the war!" The writer looked at the big picture - Democracy won the Cold War, which is what the whole thing was about. The writer went on to explain that this military action detracted the bad guys from expanding their bad stuff into other areas much faster and gave the good guys time to better organize, build strength, etc. and ultimately win. Interesting concept and one we had never even considered. However, our intentions are to follow up on this idea and see if there are others out there who endorse and give it credibility.

Hurry in now... sale ends Wednesday!

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Alabama Counties - \$21 per year - including tax
6 months - \$11
Outside Alabama - \$24 per year - 6 months - \$13

Did you hear the one about the blonde at the car wash?

by Linda Hodge Editor

Having blonde hair long ago elected me to the receiving side of those ever famous "blonde jokes," and most of the time I get as much enjoyment out of the joke as the person telling it.

I guess I find them so amusing because I understand what it's like to have those moments when your common sense mode seems to be completely shut down.

My sister would probably tell you that my common sense mode NEVER works.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one harassment, one breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one theft of property, two for driving under the influence, one assault, five for criminal mischief and one burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a controlled substance and two for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for dogs running loose, one for driving with a suspended driver's license, two for no insurance, one for attempting to elude, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for no tag, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for an expired tag and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, AUG. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 980 Carver Dr. (3:40 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 672 Hemlock Dr. (5:25 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1243 Farris Ave. (7:52 p.m.). Disturbance reported at 111 Factory Ave. (9:03 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25 - Disturbance (rowdy) reported at 519 Smith Ave. (4:02 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUG. 26 - River stage - 6:79 feet (6:48 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 5381 Hwy. 84 W. (7:09 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1259 Ann St. (7:48 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5381 Hwy. 84 W. (8:25 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1225 Farris Ave. (10:25 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUG. 27 - River stage - 6:19 feet (6:25 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to 5381 Hwy. 84 W. (7:43 a.m.). Minor wreck reported in the Dairy Queen parking lot (14:35 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21952 Hwy. 189 N. (6:24 p.m.). Disturbance (noise) reported at Brunson Trailer Park, Lot 4 (10:21 p.m.). Disturbance (noise) reported at Mulberry Park (11:05 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 28 - Provider reported a residence next to 1032 N. Morrow (1:06 a.m.). River stage - 6:20 feet (6:45 a.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHURCH** - A.R.M.S. addition recovery ministry services. Thurs. 7 p.m. (In Baptist Church, Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.mindmatters.com)

• **SOCIAL SECURITY** - REP Conference. 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call 1422 • 800-772-1212

• **ROKARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m. City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL** - ANSN Thurs. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday & 4th. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMIS- SION** - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Rockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6-9 p.m. Senior Center Complex

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Anyhow, I suppose you could say I had one of those "blonde moments" last weekend at the car wash.

While in Troy Saturday afternoon, I decided to drive thru one of those touchless car wash stalls.

I paid for the car wash, got the green light to proceed forward and then the red light to stop for the wash. Then, the machine began its process of spraying soap on my car.

I was sitting back, relaxed and talking to my sister when all of a

sudden I remembered that the little magnetic antenna for my cell phone was still atop the car!

"Oh, no!!" I exclaimed as I pressed the button to let the wind down hoping to be able to pull the antenna inside before the sprayer made it to the door.

Wrong! I forgot that I ran the antenna through the door, so I was unable to get the cord all the way inside. In the meantime, the sprayer made it to the window, and I was getting soaked with soap along with everything else inside.

Barely able to talk because she's laughing so hard, my sister starts yelling, "Roll the window up!" which I'm trying to do, but being flustered, I instead reach and open the door!

Finally, I manage to press the correct button and get the window up and shut the door, but not before being good and soapy. I then spent the remainder of the car wash wiping my face, the dash, steering wheel and any

thing else covered with soap. Oh yeah, the only words I could manage to get out of my mouth the entire time were, "Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Ooh, Ooh."

According to my sister, it couldn't have happened to a better person and the only way an incident would have been more enjoyable was if someone had been with us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Methamphetamine use is rampant in our community, many people are trying to van in stop. What can we do to help?

Churches stand up and say "We will not tolerate this." Preach against it, educate against it and set up support groups and Bible studies both for families and addicts. We can welcome recovering addicts to our churches with Bible studies geared and staffed for their needs, there are not enough rehabilitation services to meet the needs in this community.

Even when an addict does get a place in a rehab program, he usually gets 28 days of treatment, and then he's done. That is not sufficient for an addiction like methamphetamine. 28 days is just the beginning. It takes 2 to 3 years for an addict to fully recover from the effects of the drug. They need continuing encouragement, support, and fellowship with people that really understand and care.

The addict is not the enemy. The drug and Satan is the enemy. The addict needs our encouragement and support. They need to know other people that have been through this and come out on the other side. They need the mercy of Jesus Christ. It takes a lot of courage to quit a drug habit, teach them about the mercy and character of Jesus Christ so they gain that courage. They have to tolerate the AGONY of prolonged 4-6 months of withdrawal, and another 6-12 months of difficult spiritual growth to be successful against a methamphetamine addiction. There are no short cuts. There's no pill to take, no

book to read, nobody can do it for you. There is no painless way to get out of this.

We need to welcome them into our Bible studies and Sunday schools, make an effort to reach out to them, just like we reach out to the recently divorced woman in our neighborhood. Invite them to church, help them to get their lives back on track, but also extend them a caring hand.

Sincerely, Charles Mallory, Facilitator, Through Christ A.R.M.S., Ino Baptist Church, Kinston, Ala.

Perhaps these students are expected to join the ranks of the military. The draft could be instituted by the time some of our teens are old enough to handle a deadly weapon. Much of the paperwork is already prepared since 18-year-olds must register.

I want to say to those devastated students having to repeat the eighth grade, who may have lost hope, to consider it as a second chance to get things right and not as failure.

Vera Maddox-Crozier, Hoopesville, IL.

Express Your Views

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CARD OF THANKS

BLACKMON FAMILY

We want to express our gratitude for the food, prayers, cards, flowers, and visits during the time of our loss. A special thank you to the Elba Church of God and Greenville Church of God for all of the support that you gave to us during our loss.

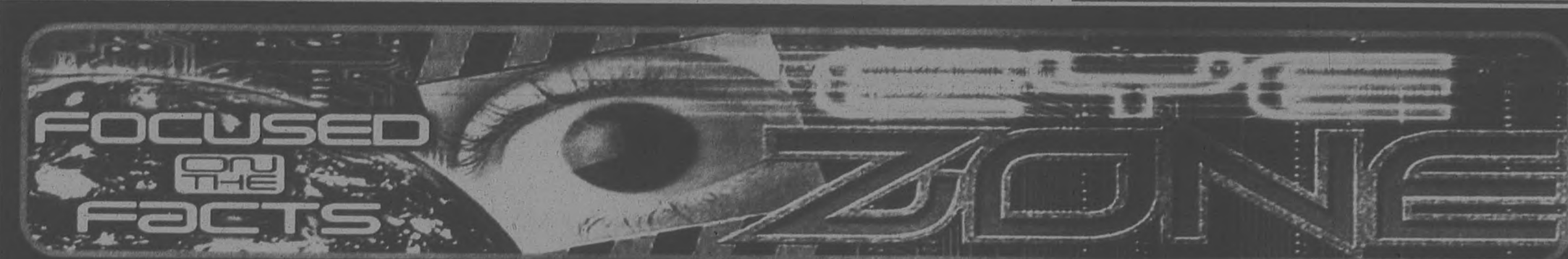
The Family of Elizabeth Blackmon 9/2 chg

RUTH COX FAMILY

We want to express our gratitude for the food, prayers, cards, flowers, and visits during the time of our loss.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Dyess and the Elba General Nursing Home Staff for their wonderful, special care.

THE FAMILY OF RUTH FAYE COX 9-5-1p

ATTEND A CHURCH
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THIS & EVERY SUNDAY

EXECUTION

William Hendry said to the reporter, "I simply told them that it was my painful duty to convey to them the information that they were to die shortly after midnight. I told them that their lawyers had informed me that they had done all they could and failed."

As warden of the Charlestown Jail Hendry was recounting how he had told Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts would execute them in the early hours of August 23, 1927.

Six years before the two Italian immigrants were convicted of first-degree murder in the deaths of Frederick Parmenter and Alessandro Berardelli, the murder victims had been delivering a \$16,000 payroll to the Morris Shoe Factory on April 15, 1920, when they were shot numerous times by two men, who then fled in a car with three others.

Although several eyewitnesses placed Nicola Sacco at the Italian consulate in Boston on the day of the robbery, and others stated that Vanzetti was in Plymouth selling fish, the jury convicted both men and sentenced them to death.

At the time of Sacco and Vanzetti's trial, America was immersed in a period now called "The Red Scare." The term refers to the three years following World War I when the Attorney General of the United States, A. Mitchell Palmer, instituted a program to root out and deport foreign radicals.

According to the government, foreign radicals included communists, socialists, and anarchists. Numerous articles in popular magazines, together with cartoons that portrayed immigrants as dangerous radicals, fanned the

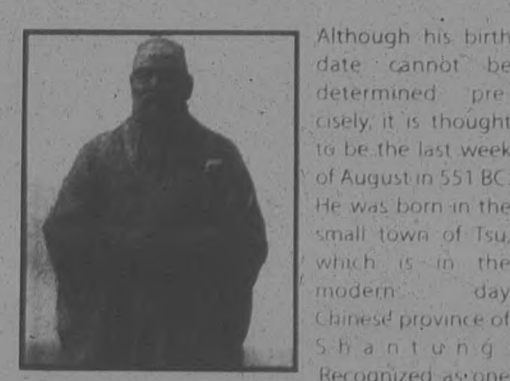
flames of distrust and fear among the American public.

Sacco and Vanzetti's convictions triggered a worldwide campaign to overturn their death sentences. Many believed them innocent of the crime, and felt their fate was due to their Italian heritage and anarchist beliefs. Their most prominent supporters included Upton Sinclair, John Dos Passos, H.G. Wells, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and Harvard law professor Felix Frankfurter (later a Supreme Court Justice).

In late 1925, Celestine Medeiros, a member of a gang of professional thieves led by Joe Morrell, confessed to the murders. According to Medeiros, five members of the Morrell gang had stolen the \$16,000 payroll. In spite of this, the Supreme Court upheld

Sacco and Vanzetti's convictions and sentences in 1926. On the day of their execution, 250,000 people held a silent vigil in Boston. Would you like to find out more about their trial and the international outcry over their sentences?

Take The Web Journey.

IT HAPPENED
THIS WEEK!

Although his birth date cannot be determined precisely, it is thought to be the last week of August in 1912 BC. He was born in the small town of Iuka, which is in the modern-day Chinese province of Shaanxi.

Recognized as one of the world's greatest philosophers, his teachings remain popular today. Most of his lessons are contained in the Lun Yu, a collection of 499 sayings. Who is he? Do you need to find the answer, or want to get more information?

Go to <http://www.confucius.org/lunyu/edbio.htm>

ALABAMA
FAST FACT

On August 25, 1919, George C. Wallace was born in Clio. He served as Alabama

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Victoria Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

The Victoria Baptist Church group will be Jerry and Tammy will host a Gospel Singing Sullivan. Everyone is invited to Saturday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. The guest singers

113 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

The Elba United Methodist Church Youth can help you get ready for Christmas!!!! The Youth are sponsoring their Annual Fund-Raiser.

WRAPPING PAPER AND GIFTS FOR ALL SEASONS

Will begin September 13 & will go through Oct. 31

This Fund Raiser will help the Youth in their efforts to raise money for their annual mission trip. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact the church office. 897-2219 and we will put you in touch with a Youth Member.

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you were doing for me!' Matthew 25:34-40

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Ebony Belcher

Rev. J. B. Chatman

Frances Daniels

J. Nelson

Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., receiving his Degree of Juris Doctor.

He is the son of Daniel and Pearl Moore of Trenton, N.J. and grandson of the late Rayfield and Hattie Bell Carpenter of Elba.

***MUSICAL PROGRAM honoring Sister Annie L. Flowers will be held September 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba.

***23rd APPRECIATION SERVICE for Rev. and Sis. F.L. Flowers to be held September 5, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Harvey Williams, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, New Britain.

***MULBERRY BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION-LAYMEN'S DEPARTMENT will meet the following dates at the Mulberry District Educational Building Hwy. 84 Elba, at 3:30 p.m.

September 11, 2004, October 9, 2004, November - 2004 - no meeting due to Association!

December 11, 2004

Dec. J. L. Williams - President

Pastor W. L. Peterson - Moderator

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

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Gerald Anthony Moore

COLLEGE OF LAW GRADUATE

Gerald Anthony Moore graduated on May 23, 2004 from the American University

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association to hold monthly meeting

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 9th of September 2004 at the coffee County Farm Center. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334 894-2077 or Charles Jester at 334 308-2724.

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

LBW Community College sponsors "free" OSHA Workshop

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College is sponsoring a "FREE" 2-day workshop on the "OSHA Safety and Health Management Systems" for small and medium employers.

The workshop will be held on September 1 & 2, 2004 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Conference Center on the LBWCC-MacArthur Campus.

The topics include Safety & Health Payouts, Time, Money, & Personnel Investment. Worksite Evaluation, Self Evaluation & Strategic Plans, Safety & Health Check-Up, Realistic Goals - Creating Change, Hazard Analysis Methodologies, and much more.

Interested businesses are invited to contact the Training Team for information and/or reservations. Call 256-831-3139 or toll free at 1-888-284-8958 or send an email to mari@prioritytwo.com with your request.

E.E.S. Menu September 6 - 10, 2004

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day - Holiday	Monday - Labor Day-Holiday
Tuesday - French Toast/Syrup	Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets
Link Sausage Cereal Juice	Potato Salad, Field Peas, Roll
Milk	1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly	Wednesday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Sausage Cereal Juice Milk	Thursday-Salisbury Steak
Thursday - Breakfast Bagel	Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy
Cereal Juice Milk	Peas & Carrots, Bread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal Juice Milk	Friday - Fishburger, Potato Rounds, Baked Beans, Jello, Milk

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- Served as Judge for the City of Enterprise from 1990-2003
- Present District Judge for Coffee County

- EDUCATION**
- Educated in the Enterprise City Schools System - 1965 EHS Graduate
- Graduated Auburn University in 1969 - BS in Finance and Accounting
- Graduated Alabama School of Law - Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1973

- FAMILY**
- Lifelong Enterprise resident - 3rd generation
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Shirley-Lovett wedding held at Seaside Chapel Saturday, August 28th

Best man was Boyce Golden, friend of the groom. Groomsman was Joe Dempster, brother-in-law of the groom. Dion Pankratz, friend of the groom, Bill Powell, uncle of the groom, and Michael Rose, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer was Carson Lester, nephew of the groom. After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple resides in Montgomery, Alabama, where both are employed.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Children programs to begin at the Elba Public Library

All children ages 2-4 years of age, kindergarten - 3rd grades, 4-6 grades are invited to participate in children's opportunities at the Elba Public Library. For 2-4 years old every Tuesday starting September 7 from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.; K-3 grades every Thursday, starting September 9, from 3:15 - 4:00 p.m.; every Monday, starting September 13, 4-6 grade children from 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. Adult must stay with child. For more information call 897-6921 ask for Kay.



Christopher Heath Cox Jr.

Christopher Cox turns one

Christopher Heath Cox Jr. celebrated his first birthday (Aug. 15) with a "Bear" party Saturday, Aug. 7, at his home.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Randolph of North Huntingdon, Pa.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last week's city elections created a lot of interest all across town, and it was evident from the large number of yard signs that were visible that almost everyone was backing at least one candidate in one of the races. The yard signs kept the name of the candidate in the eye of the citizens and made some of us wonder just why they supported one and why they were against the other. Oh well, now that the election is over we can all hope that they will work together and make the next four years in Elba our best years ever!

TIGERS GET ROUGHED UP IN SEASON OPENING LOSS

The Elba Tigers and their fans were sky high and confident last week as they headed up to Brantley for the season opening football game against the Brantley Bulldogs, but after the game the fans were left scratching their heads and the players were wondering what went wrong after the Tigers got roughed up 47-26 by their 1A rivals from Crenshaw County.

The Elba offense moved the ball throughout the game, and even though it only scored one touchdown in the second half, it stopped itself with little mistakes and showed once again that it does indeed have the skills to light up the scoreboard every time it takes the field. Kikko Logan had a big night at running back as he gained over 100 yards and scored two touchdowns, while quarterback Brandon Kelly also unveiled his running ability and added over 65 yards rushing to go along with his 164 yards and two touchdowns in the air. The Tigers had six receivers catch passes, which also shows the many weapons available in the Elba offensive arsenal. While I am sure the offensive players were disappointed they didn't put more points on the board, a twenty-six point night ain't that bad.

The Elba defense gave up over forty points for the second straight week and allowed almost ten yards per play to the Brantley offense, which snapped the ball 49 times and rolled up 393 yards in total offense. The defense played on its heels throughout the game and rarely had any penetration across the line of scrimmage as it tried to find someone in a green jersey to tackle. While the Tigers did make a few big plays, they were few and far between, and for the most part the defense simply got whipped.

It is never good to dwell on negatives. However, unless Elba can find eleven players that want to be on defense and want to hit somebody, what appeared to be a big year could dissolve quickly into just another losing season. I believe the parents and fans will be there to show their support as long as the players and coaches give their best effort, but after one exhibition game and one regular season game the natives are already getting restless.

AREA TEAMS HAVE MIXED REVIEWS IN OPENING WEEK

The high school season kicked off all across the state last Friday night and in the area it was a pretty good week, even though the teams combined for a 2-2 record. Here's a quick look back...

*** **New Brockton** made it clear that the Gamecocks are alive and well by rolling past county rival Zion Chapel 41-14. The Gamecocks have ignored the move to a wide-open offensive attack by many teams and Friday night rolled up over 300 yards on the ground out of its wing-t alignment. Football in New Brockton has been successful for many years, and that success has always been because of hard work and dedication to the game. It may not always be pretty, but it works and the Gamecocks win. Bottom line!

*** **Kinston Bulldogs** let one slip away Friday night in a 32-26 loss to 4A Bullock County. The Bulldogs owned a 20-7 lead late in the half and had a chance to open up a three-touchdown lead, but tumbled on the final play of the half and watched as Bullock County scooped up the loose ball and went 98 yards to cut the lead to 20-13 at intermission. After scoring late to pull even, Kinston tried an unsuccessful on-sides kick that gave Bullock County excellent field-position, and the Hornets then scored with 0:3 left to claim the win. The loss had to hurt, but maybe the players and coaches learned something and will use that knowledge in weeks to come. Maybe these 'Dogs aren't as bad as some thought.

*** **Zion Chapel Rebels** got blasted 41-14 by New Brockton and the Rebels need something good to happen soon if they are to be the team many expected after the spring. Zion Chapel did play hard on defense and made some big plays, while over on offense the Rebels showed promise and should only get better as the season rolls along. There aren't any easy wins on the schedule. However, one game doesn't make or break a season and the Rebels have to keep their heads up and keep working hard.

*** **Brantley Bulldogs** unleashed their potent running attack in a 47-point explosion in last week's win over Elba and let everyone know that this pack of 'Dogs has no intention of giving up its dominance in its region, or anywhere else in South Alabama. Brantley took command at the line of scrimmage to down play any thoughts about a weak offensive line, and just made it clear once again that it had running backs that were as good as any. After last week's opening week win, the Bulldogs have to be considered a state contender once again.

OPENING WEEK OF ACTION PROVIDES MANY SURPRISES

The opening week of the high school football season is always filled with excitement and surprises, and that was the case again last week as the season kicked off all across the state. Here are a few games that deserve mention.

*** **Straughn** made it clear that it is still a 3A contender by blanking 4A neighbor Andalusia 10-0. While the Tigers did have some problems moving the ball at times on offense, their defense was in command throughout the game and all in all it was a very impressive win for the men from the woods.

*** **Pike County** dropped its opener to Booker T. Washington 18-0 and has now been outscored 51-0 when you add the preseason loss to the season opener. While B.T.W. is much better than many people know and the Bulldogs are down after last year's state title run, Pike County still fought for all four quarters and didn't lose because of a lack of effort or intensity. Don't write 'em off quite yet.

*** **Dothan** made lots of noise and let everyone know they are back in a big way as the Tigers clobbered Jeff Davis 48-14. The boys from Montgomery were expected to have an easy time with their Wiregrass opponents, but Dothan took charge early and once the Tigers tasted blood it was all over. It is hard to tell just how good a team is after one week, but Friday night Dothan was back, big time.

*** **Enterprise** unleashed its passing attack and rolled past Carroll, of Ozark, 34-13. The Wildcats' offense was non-existent in a preseason loss to Hoover, but came to life Friday night and made it look easy against the outmached Eagles. Many people from across the county think this is the year for the Wildcats, and after last week's showing, it just might be.

*** **McKenzie** followed up its 12-1 record in 2002 with an 0-10 slate in 2003. So, no one knew quite what to expect last week when the Tigers hit the field to battle 2A Flomaton. Now we know! The Tigers stunned the Hurricanes 14-8 and made it clear that this year will be payback time for McKenzie. I guess a lot of fans will have to erase that circle around McKenzie that was put there to signify an easy win.

*** **Opp** kicked a field goal in overtime to defeat Luverne 19-16

and gave Coach Johnny Wood a win in his debut with the Bobcats. The Bobcats were a question mark after Wood took the head job the opening week of preseason practice, but last week they claimed a win over a very good Luverne team and kept former Bobcat star Mike Dubose winless against his Alma Mater. Don't be fooled, however, both of these teams are good.

*** **Abbeville** bounced back from its 0-10 season of a year ago by posting a big 62-7 win over Barbour County. The Yellow Jackets have been down for years and no one thought this year would be any different. However, a win, even one over Barbour County, will work wonders for this once proud program.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** It may have seemed worse because of the fact I was on the Elba sidelines, but it seemed to me that the public address announcer from Brantley never let his microphone get cool for all four quarters. The P.A. announcer did everything but give the time and temperature, and must have been told prior to the game that he was supposed to talk throughout the game and every time out. I am sure the fans on the Brantley side enjoyed his constant commentary, but at many stadiums the men upstairs simply announce the game and identify numbers. One thing's for certain, the loud speakers at Brantley worked well.

*** I watched some of the Southern Cal win over Virginia Tech and like the change to announce the number of the player that makes a penalty. In basketball a player's number is told when he makes a foul and in baseball all errors are reported. So, why not identify the player that makes a penalty on football. It might not make any difference to many and will have little or no impact on the game, but after one game it does seem like a good change.

*** The Elba Tiger volleyball team opened its season last week and after one week of action owns a 2-2 record. Both losses came to 6A Enterprise, while the wins came over 6A Dothan and 1A Zion Chapel. The volleyball team includes four seniors that have been playing together for a couple of years, and this could be the year they get past region and make a trip to state.

*** The Elba Youth Football League has its biggest number of players ever and hopes are high that the excitement among the players will turn into wins on the field. The midgeets (ages 6-8) have 33 players on their roster, while 36 players are on the termites (ages 9-10) and 18 players are on the pee wees (ages 11-12). The big turnout should at least guarantee lots of noise at the games coming from the stands.

*** Everyone should give Mike Sanders a big pat on the back for his hard work on the sidelines at all Elba Tiger football games. As the number of coaches has shrunk in recent years so has the ability to keep the players fresh and equipment repaired during games. Mike has volunteered to work the sidelines, supervise the managers and keep the "little" things taken care of that are such a big part of having a successful football program. Thanks Coach Sanders, you are a big part of the team.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by early Sunday morning and stated that while he did connect on 19 of 27 picks, some of the ones he missed were true upsets. The local guess-petter pointed out that he nailed such toss-ups as Rehobeth over Cottonwood, B.T. Washington over Pike County and Straughn over Opp, but still couldn't believe that McKenzie, Sanson, Abbeville and Dothan, all pulled off upsets. He said this week was harder to predict than the opening week, but did leave his picks for week #2...

ELBA VS. COTTONWOOD

The Pea River felines from down in Elba have shown they can

Elba Tigers looking to bounce back from opening loss with region victory over Cottonwood Bears

The Elba Tigers will be looking to bounce back from last week's season opening loss and claim an important region win at the same time Friday night when they host the Cottonwood Bears at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers will enter the game with an 0-1 record after losing to Brantley 47-26, while the Bears will also enter the game with an 0-1 record after losing to Rehobeth 41-34, in double overtime.

"Cottonwood has a very sound football team in all areas and will provide us with a challenge on both sides of the football," stated Elba's Coach Scott Riels. "Coach Whitcomb has slowly built his team into a 2A power and the people in Cottonwood believe they can make it to Birmingham. They will come over here looking to win and move atop the region standings, and will get after us on every play of the game."

Cottonwood posted a 5-5 record in its first year under veteran coach Willard Whitcomb, but improved to 6-7 the following season and last season posted an 8-4 record before being ousted in the second round of the state playoffs.

"We have high expectations every year," said Coach Whitcomb in a preseason interview. "That hasn't changed. The only thing that has changed is the guys who were in the eighth grade when I got here and now in the eleventh grade. Now they know what to do. Our kids have worked hard and have put a good effort into our preparation. The goal is to get into the state playoffs and contend for a state title."

The Bears will dress out 45 players Friday night for their region opener against Elba and will return eight starters on defense and seven starters on offense.

Leading the way on offense will be senior quarterback Allen Williams, who has started 25 games as quarterback over the

past two seasons. Other turnouts include center Brian Brackin (240), guard Michael Price (190), tackle Daniel Taylor (220), tight-end Marquis Coachman (195), fullback Dexter Williams (185) and running back Ray-Shawn Tillman (175).

"We want to use multiple formations on offense and not be too one dimensional," added Coach Whitcomb. "We must learn how to convert on third down and long, but we also want to run the football. We are definitely a running football team, but we want to do enough things that will prevent our opponents from being able to just line up and stop the run."

"When I got here three years ago we were terrible on defense," said Whitcomb, "but over the last half of last season we got better on defense and now I feel like we can put it all together on defense and that we will be better on defense."

"Despite what many of our fans may think we did show some improvement in many areas last week against Brantley," said Coach Riels. "On offense we ran much more of our package and the players picked up real well to all the calls. We made some mistakes that hurt us and must protect the football better if we are going to sustain drives, but overall we did show some improvement on offense and found out some things about some of our players. We got whipped up front on defense and still had problems tackling in the open field. Our players have to develop an attitude on the defensive side of the football and be aggressive, but under control at the same time."

"I know everyone is disappointed about the outcome of last week's game," added Coach

run up and down the field and put points on the scoreboard, but have yet to grow claws on defense and are giving up points faster than the dollar wheel can go around at a gas station. This week some mean 'ole Bears from over in the Wiregrass will cross the bridge, and unless the felines can find some mighty heavy collars, they might just get pushed around, again.

COTTONWOOD 34 ELBA 33

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Gamecocks didn't lose a feather last week up in Jack at the first contest of the season and this week will be looking to stay well over the top word is that a batch of Lions is heading their way from near the Georgia line. While there is no doubt the Gamecocks will have own their spurs Friday night and will be well kicking high, the Lions may be hungry for poultry after the long trip and that could spell bad news.

HOUSTON COUNTY 22 NEW BROCKTON 20

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Bulldogs from south Coffee County got stung by a bunch of hornets late in the game last week and could still be hurting after watching a win slip away. The 'Dogs had better heal up in a hurry, however, because some purple looking 'Cats are heading to town this week and in years past they have left the Bulldogs feeling blue.

Not again!

ARITON 27 KINSTON 13

ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

The Rebels will pull up their tents and head south toward the Florida line this week to hunt Wildcats in Covington County, and the troops have to be hungry after missing out on a chicken dinner a week ago. These 'Cats have gotten harder to track every year, and Friday night should be able to avoid the Rebels and their traps.

FLORALA 29 ZION CHAPEL 7

BRANTLEY VS. GOSHEN

The Bulldogs from across the river in Crenshaw County chased some felines from Coffee County all the way home last week and now have made plans to head over to Pike County for some bird hunting. The 'Dogs had better make plans to hide some of their birds, because if the game warden drops by I am sure they will be way over the limit.

BRANTLEY 48 GOSHEN 8

OTHER PICKS:

Pleasant Home 29 McKenzie 27

Southern Choctaw 26 Flomaton 6

Houston Academy 24 Geneva County 7

Luverne 27 Marbury 13

Washington County 36 Red Level 29

Samson 22 Wicksburg 21

Dale County 20 Abbeville 18

Silcomb 28 Headland 7

T.R. Miller 24 Straughn 16

W.S. Neal 16 Pike County 14

Andalusia 35 Gulf Shores 17

Daleville 15 Rehobeth 10

Opp 21 Geneva 14

Trinity 56 Ashford 0

Stanhope Elmore 34 Carroll 16

Charles Henderson 28 Eufaula 14

Enterprise 31 Dothan 21

Auburn 17 Northview 10



KIKKO LOGAN - had a big night on offense with over 100 yards rushing and 2 touchdowns.

Riels, "but the players work hard every day and get better and will keep working hard. We know where we need to spend some extra time and will do just that. Our expectations are still very high and last week's loss is in the past. We have to learn from our mistakes and move forward to be as good as we can be. Our fans need to be patient

and support these young men each and every week. There are no easy games on the schedule and each game will be a challenge. We have to work hard to get better and we will work hard to get better."

Kick off for Friday night's game will be 7:30 PM.

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Thursday, Sept. 2
Elba at Samson (JV-V) 4:00

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Barbour County at Elba (V) 4:00

Thursday, Sept. 9
Opp at Elba (JV-V) 4:00

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MONDAY, SEPT. 6 12:00 - 6:00

SPORTS



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) follows teammate Chris Booker (25) around the corner for a big gain. Skanes gained 145 yards on 21 carries and scored 5 touchdowns, while Booker added 201 yards on 18 carries and scored 2 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' 47-26 win over Elba. Trying to catch the speedster from behind is Elba's Guy Anderson (85).

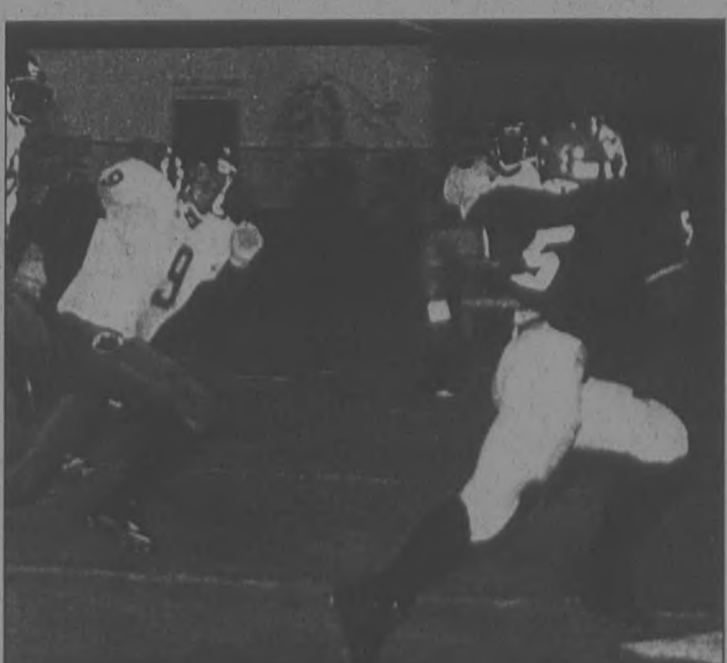
Brantley Bulldogs explode in second half to bury Elba 47-26



Elba's Reyman Rodgers (4) looks for room to run after pulling in a pass in action last week against Brantley. Closing in for the Bulldogs is Andre Tillis (51).



Elba Marching Tiger majorette Shelby Brunson performed at halftime to the large crowd at last week's Elba-Brantley football game.



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) heads for the sidelines in last week's big win over Elba. Skanes scored 5 touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to the win. Closing in for Elba is Joseph Platt (9).

SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE TEAM WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT GAMES!!

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Pictures by Mike Capps, Greg Brunson and Janet Brunson

The Elba Tigers kicked off the 2004 high school football season Friday night against the Brantley Bulldogs and had no answer for the Bulldogs' powerful running attack as Brantley took command in the second half and pulled away to bury the Tigers 47-26.

Brantley gained 367 yards on the ground and averaged over 8 yards a carry, led by sophomore Chris Booker with 200 yards on 18 carries and senior Devaris Skanes with 145 yards on 21 carries and 5 touchdowns.

Kikko kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a Brantley punt and promptly marched 54 yards in 7 plays to get on the scoreboard. Kikko Logan gained 27 yards on 4 carries and led the scoring march on the ground, while the touchdown came on an 18 yard touchdown pass from Brandon Kelly to Guy Anderson. The extra-point attempt sailed wide, but with 7:44 remaining in the opening stanza the Tigers were on top 6-0.

Brantley's Chris Booker returned the ensuing kick off 45 yards to put the Bulldogs in business at the Elba 35-yardline, and five plays later the 'Dogs were in the endzone. The Brantley score came on a 14-yard dash around the corner by Devaris Skanes and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 7-6 with 4:57 remaining in the quarter.

Elba's LaRay Williams returned the Brantley kick off 57 yards to put the Tigers right back in business at the Bulldogs' 35-yardline, and this time it took the Tigers four plays to reach paydirt. Brandon Kelly gained 30 yards on two carries to highlight the short scoring march, while Kikko Logan scored the touchdown on a 5-yard blast up the middle. A two-point pass fell incomplete, but with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter Elba was back on top 12-7.

Brantley was forced to punt on its next possession, but the 'Tigers' offense was ready to put more points on the scoreboard and quickly marched 25 yards in five plays to reach a first down at the Brantley 48-yardline. Brandon Kelly hit Reyman Rodgers with a quick pass across the middle and the Tigers appeared ready to strike again, but Rodgers lost the handle on the ball after a tackle and the potential scoring march was stopped on the fumble at the Brantley 29-yardline.

A 62-yard scamper by Brantley's Chris Booker on the Bulldogs' second play of the ensuing possession gave the 'Dogs a first down and goal at the Elba 3-yardline, and two plays later Devaris Skanes swept the left side untouched to put Brantley back in the endzone. Edgar Walker passed to Shane Corley for the two-point conversation and with 7:53

remaining in the second quarter, Brantley had regained the lead at 15-12.

Brantley regained possession at its own 44-yardline after an Elba punt and this time marched 56 yards in seven plays to add to its advantage. A 26-yard pass from Edgar Walker to Shane Corley was a key play in the drive, while Devaris Skanes gained 19 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 2-yard run. Owens kicked the extra-point and with 3:20 remaining in the half Brantley's lead was up to 22-12.

Elba began its next possession at its own 27-yardline and marched the length of the field to cut into the Brantley lead. A 4-yard run by Brandon Kelly on fourth down and 1 at the Elba 36-yardline kept the drive alive early, while a 26-yard gain by Kikko Logan on a draw play moved the Tigers to the Brantley 25-yardline. The drive bogged down after the run by Logan and three plays later the Tigers faced a fourth down and 7 at the Brantley 22. Brandon Kelly dropped back to pass on the fourth down play, dodged a number of Bulldog linemen and found Joseph Platt wide open near the endzone. Platt pulled in the Kelly pass at the 1-yardline and walked into the endzone for the Tigers' third touchdown of the half. Evan Tew booted the extra-point and with 10 left in the half the Tigers had cut the Brantley lead to 22-19.

Elba's Jacob Forbes recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kick off and Kelly connected with Mason Guller for a 29-yard gain on first down. However, the clock never stopped after the first down play and at intermission the Tigers went in trailing 22-19.

Brantley began its first possession of the second half at the Elba 44-yardline following a 19-yard punt return by Devaris Skanes and one play later the Bulldogs had added to its lead as Skanes broke loose around the corner and raced down the sidelines 35 yards for a touchdown. A low snap foiled the extra-point try, but with 9:47 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 28-19.

Elba gambled and lost on fourth down and four at mid-field on its ensuing possession, and Brantley needed only four plays to cash in from the mid-field stripe as the Bulldogs covered the 50 yards to paydirt in only four plays. Chris Booker and Devaris Skanes took turns banging heads with the Elba defense, and it was Skanes that scored the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. The extra-point attempt was blocked, and with 7:25 left in the third quarter the 'Dogs were in command with a 34-19 lead.

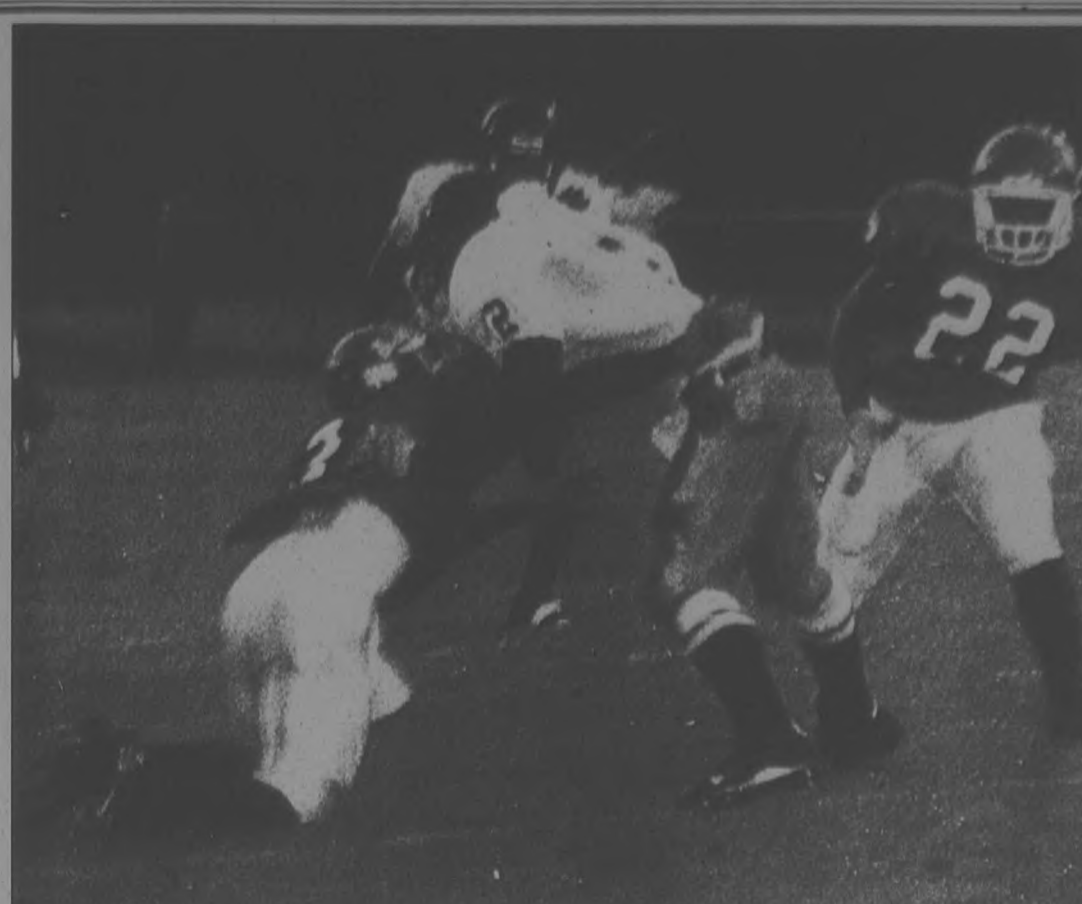
Brantley began its next possession at its own 45-yardline following a fumble recovery and this time the Bulldogs marched 55 yards in seven plays to add to their growing advantage. Devaris Skanes and Jeffery Daniels combined for 32 yards

on four carries on the scoring march, while Devaris Skanes did the rest and scored the touchdown on a 12-yard scamper. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 2:27 still left in the third quarter Brantley had taken control by opening up a 41-19 advantage.

Kikko Logan gained 101 yards on 16 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Elba on the ground, while in the air Brandon Kelly completed 10 of 25 passes with one interception, for 164 yards and 2 scores. Mason Guller led the Tiger receivers with 2 catches for 82 yards, while Joseph Platt pulled in a 22-yard scoring toss and Guy Anderson had an 18-yard touchdown catch. Anderson also made 7 tackles to lead the Elba defense, while Bradley Bane had 5 stops and 2 assists, and Jessie Thigpen, Carlos Aruz, Ron Hill, Ryan Gibbs and Brandy Kelly all had 4 stops.

Brantley received the ensuing kick off and squashed any hopes of an Elba comeback by marching 61 yards in only five plays to extend its lead. Chris Booker capped the scoring drive with a 30-yard touchdown run, and even though the extra-point try was blocked, Brantley owned a 47-26 lead with 7:04 left in the game.

Brantley got the ball back on a pass interception by Zach Kilcrease with 5:55 left on the clock and it appeared the Bulldogs wanted to score again as Booker and Skanes remained in the backfield and took turns



Elba's Kikko Logan (2) fights for extra yardage after running into Brantley defender Lance Morgan (7). Closing in to help with the stop is Bulldog teammate Terrell Burnett (22). Logan gained 101 yards and scored 2 touchdowns in the Tigers' season opening loss to the Bulldogs.

STATISTICS

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15	1st Downs 20
27-169	Rushes-Yds. 47-367
164	Passing Yds. 26
333	Total Offense 392
10-25-1	Passes 1-2-0
4/2	Fumbles/Lost 5/1
2-36	Punts-Ave. 2-34
190	Return Yds. 99
6-42	Penalties-Yds. 5-33

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SPORTS



Zion Chapel quarterback Abe Childs (4) turns to hand off to running back Brandon Taylor (25) in last week's cross county clash between the Rebels and the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Gamecocks won the annual clash 41-14.

Gamecocks spur Zion Chapel 41-14

Story and pictures by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks kicked off the season Friday night with an impressive 41-14 win over the cross-county rival Zion Chapel Rebels, at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack.

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 28-0 lead and easily held on for the big win. Junior Magwood led the offense with 159 yards and 3 touchdowns on 15 carries, while

Sherridan Foster gained 88 yards on 12 carries and scored 21 touchdowns and 17 carries and 1 touchdown.

Medley also led the way on defense as he had 12 tackles, 7 solo stops, while Justin West and Wesley McCormick both added 7 tackles. The Rebels were on offense by Charlie Hurd with 47 yards on 17 carries and 1 touchdown.

The Gamecocks jumped on the scoreboard for the first time this season when Junior Magwood raced 44 yards on the third play of the game. Heath Danford tackled on the extra-point and with just 1:39 gone in the game New Brockton was off and running with a quick 7-0 lead.

Zion Chapel failed to convert on a fourth down and 2 gamble at the New Brockton 47-yard-line on its initial possession of the night and gave the ball back

to the Gamecocks, but this time the Rebel defense rose up and defended its endzone as Zion Chapel turned the Gamecocks back on a fourth down play at the Zion Chapel 13-yardline.

The defensive stand only delayed New Brockton's next score, however, as on fourth down the snap on a punt attempt sailed over the head of the Rebel punter and rolled out of the endzone for a safety to up the Gamecocks' lead to 9-0.

The Gamecocks' Justin West returned the ensuing punt to the Zion Chapel 20-yard-line to put New Brockton right back on offense. In business, this time the Gamecocks cashed in on the scoring opportunity as on first down Junior Magwood took a handoff and rambled 20 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 11:42 remaining in the second quarter New Brockton was on top 15-0.

New Brockton got the ball right back on a Rebel punt and once again marched into the endzone. Sherridan Foster capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown-plunge, and after an unsuccessful extra-point try, the Gamecocks went back up field with a 21-0 advantage with 7:17 still left in the second stanza.

New Brockton got on the scoreboard one more time before the half as a Zion Chapel penalty gave the Gamecocks one final chance to score. Sherridan Foster scored the

Kinston Bulldogs drop season opener to Bullock County Hornets 32-26

Story by Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

A packed house was on hand Friday night for the Kinston Bulldogs first home game of the season against the 4A Bullock County Hornets, and although the young 1A Bulldogs were not favored to win, they did give the Hornets all they wanted and led for most of the game before surrendering a late score to come out on the short end of an exciting 32-26 decision.

Neither team had much success on their initial possession of the game as penalties bogged down the Hornets and a fumbled snap on first down put a quick end to the Bulldogs' first possession of the season.

The Kinston defense came up big after the early turnover; however, as Robert Yates broke up a pass on first down, Dustin Hanks and Brad Elmore combined for a stop in the backfield on second down and Lee McCrummen made a key third down stop to force Bullock County to punt.

Kinston marched downfield behind the passing of Garret Parker and a number of Bullock County penalties, and reached a first down at the Hornets 15-yardline. Two penalties against Kinston backed the Bulldogs up to the 36-yardline, and even though Parker did connect with Joseph McCrummen for a 20-yard gain, the big gain only moved the Bulldogs back near the original line of scrimmage, and on fourth down a Parker pass fell incomplete as the scoring threat went by the board.

The Kinston defense refused to let the Hornets out of the shadows of their own goal post and came up with a big play of its own as on third down Cole Meeks intercepted a Bullock County pass and returned the interception 17 yards to give the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead.

Bullock County began its next possession at the Kinston 40-yardline after a bad snap on a punt attempt, and this time the Hornets cashed in the turnover as Quantarius Walker got the call on three straight plays and scored on the third carry to put Bullock County on the scoreboard. The extra-point was true and the Hornets were on top 7-6.

The Bulldog defense, led by the play of Brad Elmore and Mitchell Whaley, stopped the Hornets cold on Bullock County's next possession, and a bad snap on fourth down gave the ball back to Kinston in excellent field position.

Garret Parker kept the ball on the ground on the ensuing possession and got the drive off to a quick start when he faked a handoff and raced around the end for a big gain. A penalty for grabbing the face mask tackled on the extra yardage on the play, and on the very next play Parker kept again and this time raced 24 yards for a Kinston touchdown. Parker added the two-point conversion, and with 4:40 left in the half the Bulldogs were back on top 14-7.

Kinston's Matthew Parker intercepted a Hornet pass and returned it to the Bullock County 25-yardline to put the Bulldogs right back in business.

The extra-point try failed, but with time running down in the half Kinston was in command with a 20-7 advantage.

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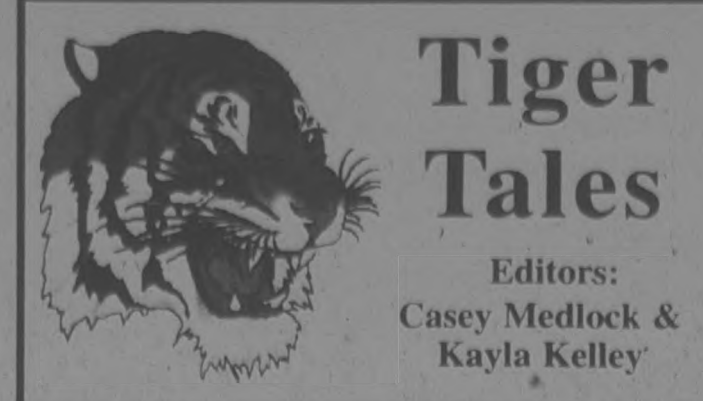
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Tiger Tales

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EHS Student Spotlight

by Elizabeth Weeks

This week's student spotlight is on Crystal Ann Bradshaw, a sophomore at Elba High School. Crystal is the 15-year-old daughter of Roland and Elaine Williamson. She is involved in several clubs such as FBLA, FFA, FCCLA and VICA. Crystal plays mellophone and is a uniform officer in the Marching Tiger Band. Her hobbies include playing her instrument and hanging out with friends. She hopes to attend Mobile University and go into the medical field.



Crystal Bradshaw

Congratulations, Crystal, on being this week's student spotlight!

Lady Tigers ready to serve & volley

by Duke Carr

Excitement is in the air at Elba High School for it is VOLLEYBALL TIME once again. The Lady Tigers are back and ready to claim their throne.

The Lady Tigers are returning a strong group of seniors and juniors, which many fans believe could help reestablish the Lady Tigers as one of volleyball's elite teams. The squad will rely on the leadership of their four seniors: Mallory Allen, Kristin Barnes, Lyndsay Lawford and Yolanda Reynolds. Assisting the seniors will be returning juniors led by Ashleigh Waddail who last year

Co-Op Spotlight

by Rebecca English



This year as a 16-year-old junior at Elba High School, Elena McCormick juggles a busy schedule. Her agenda includes working (obviously), representing Elba High School as an ambassador, dancing on the Marching Tiger Band Dance Line and participating in Senior Beta.

The Co-Op Spotlight shines on Annie Elena McCormick this week for being a great "prepper" at National Security. Elena has been working at National Security for approximately eight months.

Elena said three words that describe her would be goofy, bubbly, and fun. However, we classify her as this week's Co-Op Spotlight!

Parents... Get Involved!

by Kayla Kelley

Parents of Elba Elementary students have many opportunities to get involved at E.E.S. Several informative programs are scheduled throughout the year. ALL parents are encouraged to check monthly calendars for dates and make plans to attend.

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Elba FFA members attend 75th annual convention

by Ashley Gibson

On June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, the 2003-2004 Elba FFA Officers and state competition participants attended the 75th Annual State FFA Convention held at Auburn University.

Officers in attendance included Andy Waddail, Lacy Carlie, Ashley Gibson, Ashton Grimes, and Kristi Spinks along with newly elected officers Dustin Rhoades, Brianna Bailey, Judson Vaughan and Whitley Kilcrease.

The FFA Quartet had previously placed second in District competition; therefore, members Judson Vaughan, Ashley Carpenter, William Carpenter and Brianna Bailey were able to represent Elba in Auburn. The quartet received fourth place in the state. The students received a check for \$50 and a chapter banner.

Mark Brunson also attended and was awarded first place in Turf Grass Management for his work with the City of Elba Recreational Department. He received a check for \$100, a plaque and a chapter banner.

Andy Waddail was recognized for his work with Bowd Farms by receiving his State FFA Degree pin.

Trip chaperones included Jacob Davis, FFA Advisor; Ricky Carlie; and Vicky Bailey. The FFA members were required to attend all of the



Elba FFA member Mark Brunson (right) placed first in the state competition for Turf Grass Management. He is pictured with Jacob Davis, Elba FFA Advisor.

Barnes/McGuire represent EHS at Girl's and Boy's State

by Judson Vaughan

There was more than staying out and sleeping in for two Elba High School seniors this past summer.

Kristin Barnes and Taylor McGuire represented Elba High at this past year's Girl's and Boy's State held in June.

Girl's State was held in Troy, Ala. on the Troy University campus, while Boy's State was held in Montevallo, Ala. on the University of Montevallo campus.

The purpose of these events is to educate the state's youth in the duties and privileges of an American citizen while exploring job opportunities provided by the government.

Kristin participated in many activities including Field Trials. Politics are also something that they stress at these two events.

When the boys registered, they were placed in political parties within their selected cities. The parties wrote their own platforms and nominated their candidates for the state offices.

Support the Tigers!!



Elba FFA members attending the state convention in Auburn were: Judson Vaughan, Kristi Spinks, Whitley Kilcrease, Dustin Rhoades, Lacy Carlie, Mark Brunson, Andy Waddail, Ashley Gibson, Brianna Bailey, Ashton Grimes, Ashley Carpenter and William Carpenter.

meetings, and although the convention was taken seriously, everyone had the opportunity to have some fun at a local theme park. Many road go-carts, played miniature golf and played video games in the arcade.

The Elba FFA Chapter was well represented this year in Auburn and has the ambition to do even better at next year's convention.



The Elba FFA Quartet placed fourth in the state competition. Members of the quartet include William Carpenter, Brianna Bailey, Ashley Carpenter and Judson Vaughan. Also pictured is Elba High School FFA advisor Jacob Davis.

Elba Tigers enter 2004 football season with positive attitude

by Ashley Gibson

The Elba Tigers are off to a great start this season. With a new head coach and a 46-41 victory over Highland Home at the Foggy Bottom Classic, these

Tigers proved they have worked very hard and come a long way since last season.

In June, they began their strenuous 4-day a week summer workouts and continue to practice everyday after school. However, the boys aren't the only ones who have put in such efforts to get this year started.

The coaches have also worked very hard and put in a lot of their time for this football team.

Some of the team members were asked how they felt about their team.

Senior Carlos Arzu stated, "Our team is more determined and ready to play. We also have a more capable offense."

Senior Bradley Bane agreed, "We have a good group of seniors this year and strong leadership qualities."

"Our defense is more aggressive than last year," said senior Ryan Gibbs.

Junior Trey Davis stated, "We have a new game plan and are ready for a challenge."

"We have a lot more participation than last year and a great coach that began to discipline our team from the beginning. He proved to us that he wasn't going to put up with any nonsense," replied junior Guy Anderson.



Kristin Barnes and Taylor McGuire

These elections weighed heavily on the week due to the fact that the winners would each have their own roles in camp.

When asked as to whether this experience opened their eyes to a career in politics, Taylor and Kristin had the following to say:

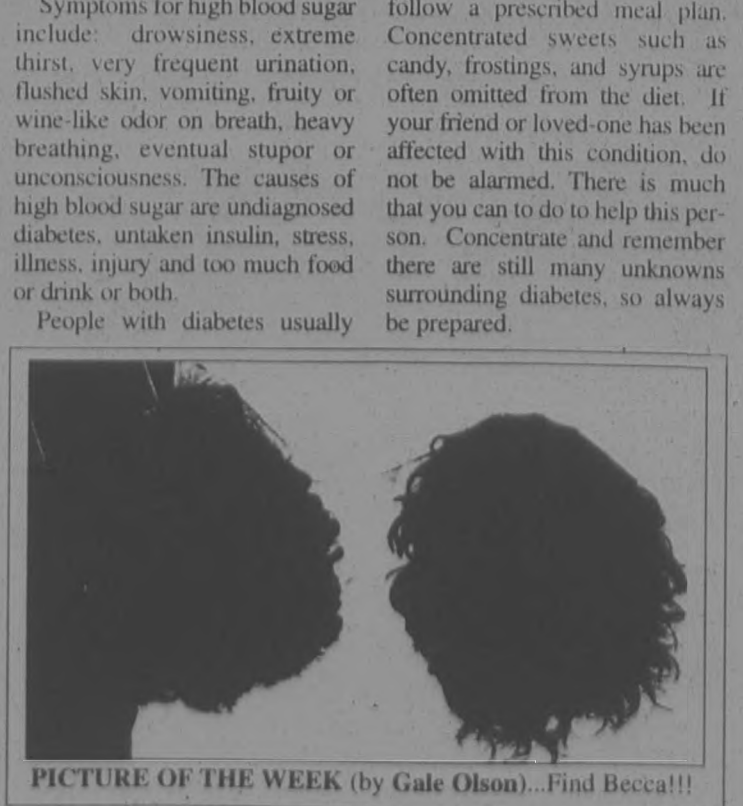
"It has to a certain extent, but only within the local area," said Taylor.

"This experience has definitely

opened my eyes in the matters of politics, but more towards a career," said Kristin. "I learned a lot and I have a more open mind towards politicians; however, I do not see myself in any type of political field."

In it's 65th year, Girl's and Boy's State selection remains one of the highest honors bestowed upon deserving teens in Alabama schools.

People with diabetes usually follow a prescribed meal plan. Concentrated sweets such as candy, frostings, and syrups are often omitted from the diet. If your friend or loved-one has been affected with this condition, do not be alarmed. There is much that you can do to help this person. Concentrate and remember there are still many unknowns surrounding diabetes, so always be prepared.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Gale Olson)... Find Becca!!

Millions of Americans battle diabetes

by Brittany Clark

Nearly 11 million Americans have diabetes. In our school system there are four people who have this illness.

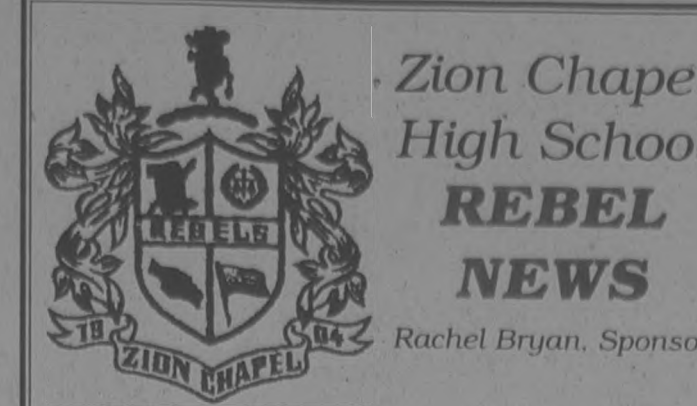
Diabetes is not an infectious disease, but a life-long hereditary condition resulting from a lack of available effective insulin in the body. Without insulin, the body cannot use food properly, resulting in too much sugar in the blood. Treatment consists of daily injections of insulin and prescribed dietary intake.

Some symptoms of low blood sugar are: staggering, poor condition, anger, bad temper, pale color, confusion, disorientation, sudden hunger, sweating and eventual stupor or unconsciousness.

Symptoms of high blood sugar include: drowsiness, extreme thirst, very frequent urination, flushed skin, vomiting, fruity or wine-like odor on breath, heavy breathing, eventual stupor or unconsciousness. The causes of high blood sugar are undiagnosed diabetes, unmet insulin, stress, illness, injury and too much food or drink or both.

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Zion Chapel FFA hold first meeting of new school year

President LeAnna Hammond called the first regular meeting of FFA to order. She then proceeded to cover an agenda that included discussion of fruit sales, peanut boils, FFA Week, FFA-shirts, cookouts, banquets, Battlebobs, and elections.

Chapter members were informed that the annual fruit sale would begin at the end of September and that a peanut boil would be held before a September football game.

FFA Week will come in November and members were asked to start thinking about a program of activities for this week. They then selected a committee to design an official FFA t-shirt for this year. Committee members are Luke Taylor, Kenna Roberts, Joseph

Hulgan, John Price, and Jetta Bush.

Whether or not to hold a cookout or a banquet was a discussion that was on the agenda. After several minutes of discussion, the consensus was that everyone wanted to have both a cookout and a banquet. Luke Taylor, John Price, Joseph Hulgan, and Clay Nelson were appointed to a Recreation Committee who will make decisions about refreshments at meetings and assign people to bring particular items of food. A vacancy in the office of secretary has occurred and the nominations are now open. Anyone interested in the position has to qualify before an election that will take place in the near future. The meeting was adjourned.

Zion Chapel welcomes new teachers

Crystal Center, a graduate of Enterprise High School, is teaching seventh and eighth grade science, eighth and ninth grade history, and eighth grade life skills at Zion Chapel.

Ms. Center is a graduate of Troy State University with a degree in cell and molecular biology. Before beginning her teaching at Zion chapel Mrs. Kirkland has had three years of experience as an extension agent and three years of experience with the Family Services Center. She and her family are living in Enterprise at the present time but have very definite plans to move back to Zion Chapel.

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Junior varsity cheerleaders bring honors home from camp

Five superior ribbons and a trophy were awarded to Zion Chapel Junior Varsity cheerleaders for their performance at the cheerleader camp they attended this summer.

The cheerleader camp was a Junior High Universal Cheerleading Association Cheer Camp which was held at the University of Alabama in July.

While at the camp the JV squad was awarded the leadership award, which is the most sought-after of all awards that can be won at such a camp. They were selected by their peers as being the one squad at the camp who exhibited leadership both on and off the field.

In addition to all the other awards won by the squad, Caitlin Grissett won an individual award. She was named an All-Start Cheerleader and earned the right to compete nationally.

The JV cheerleaders are Brittany Cardwell-captain, Courtney Grant-co-captain, Leana Vinson, Kirsten Collins, Lindsey Amlog, Shay Sanders, Cassie Strength, Caitlin Grissett, Clara Smith, Erika Mount, Ali Childs, and Alisha Frazier. Their coach is Mrs. Ginger Vinson.



The junior varsity cheerleaders are: Kirsten Collins, Shay Sanders, Alisha Frazier, Erika Mount, Lindsey Amlog, Leana Vinson, Caitlin Grissett, Courtney Grant, Brittany Cardwell, Cassi Strength and Ali Childs. Clara Smith is not pictured.

Zion Chapel Beta Club elects officers for 2004-05 school year

Lindsay Leverett was elected president of the Beta Club during the first business meeting of the year. The rest of the state of officers elected at this meeting is Vice President Corney Dykes, Secretary Rosanna Johnson, and Treasurer William McCurdy.

Lindsay, Rosanna, and Corney are members of the Junior class who have been members of this society that honors outstanding scholastic achievement since they became eligible as freshmen. William is a senior who transferred to Zion Chapel during his freshman year. He became a Beta Club member as a sophomore.

These four officers lead approximately 20 other members which do not include freshmen. Freshmen who are eligible will be invited and inducted into the society in the spring of 2005.

Not only is there a new slate of officers, there is a new sponsor. Mrs. Cara Knighten, guidance counselor, has agreed to take on the responsibilities of sponsoring the Beta Club.

Mrs. Knighten, as a new sponsor, led the membership in a thorough discussion of the national Beta bylaws and the

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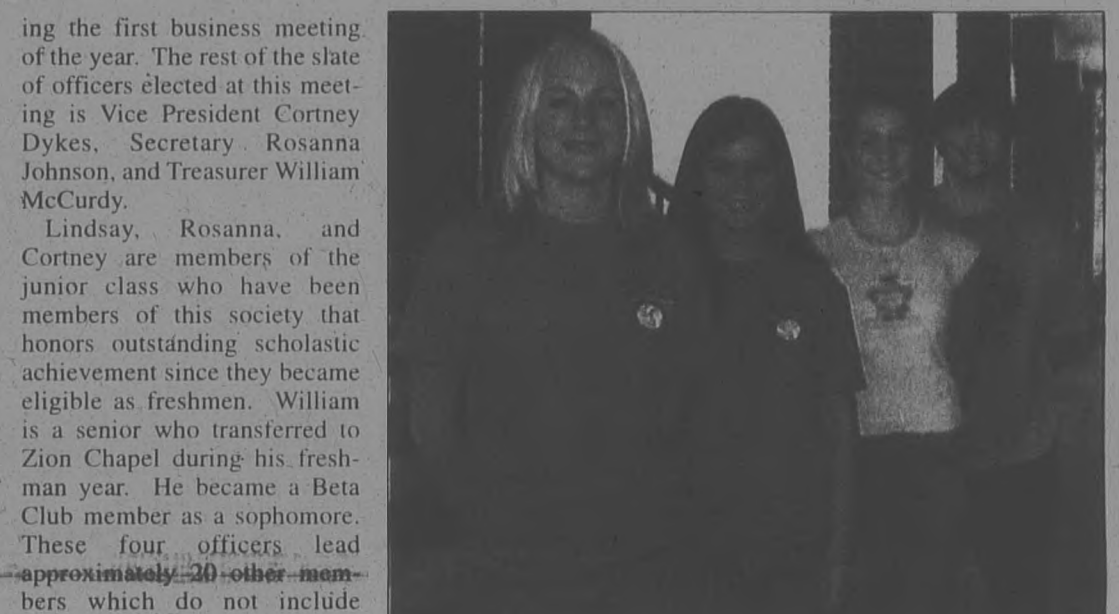
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Zadie Bouyer celebrates 100th birthday

Much loved Mrs. Zadie Bouyer celebrated her 100th birthday on July 27. Mrs. Bouyer has lived her entire life in Coffee County. Over the weekend, her daughter, Chris Jacobs and her 5 grandchildren and their spouses, 7 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren along with many family members, friends, and neighbors joined Mrs. Bouyer for a celebration. On the actual day, July 27, of her birthday, she was surprised with two additional parties: one by the Elba Nursing Home and another by the First Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Bouyer has always been a strong supporter of her church and community. Her family is very proud of the fact that up until 5 years ago when she fell and broke her hip, she lived alone walking daily to visit her daughter and her neighbors. She has lived a full life and is still an expert domino and bingo player even this day.

Five Generations:

Five Generations of the Zadie Bouyer family were present on her 100th birthday, July 27, 2004 at the home of her daughter Chris Jacobs of Elba. Zadie Bouyer is shown with her great-grandson, Gavin Mundy Leland, age 3 months. Also pictured are Mrs. Bouyer's daughter, Chris Jacobs, grandson Larry Jacobs, and great-granddaughter, Kristie Leland.



Mrs. Bouyer enjoys celebration.



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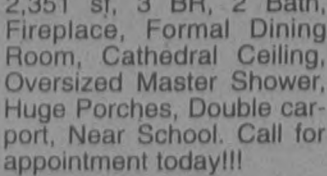
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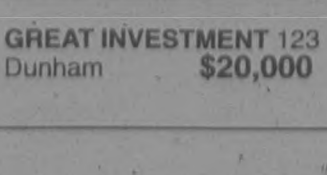
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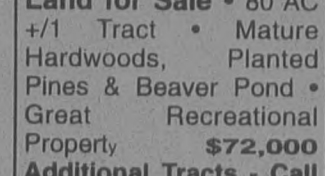
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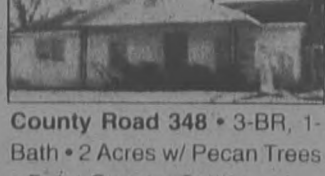
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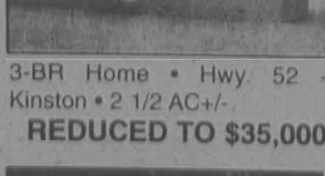
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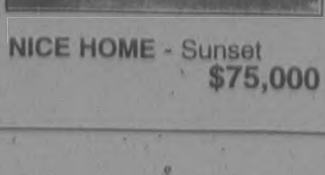
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to all who supported me in the recent city election for the candidate of Mayor. Congratulations to Mayor Grimes.

Sincerely,

Randy Bedsole

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Thank You District 1

Dear District 1 Voters, on behalf of my family and my campaign committee, I want to express my appreciation to the voters of District 1 who participated in our recent election. I would especially like to bid overwhelming thanks to those who supported and voted for me to be elected the next council member for District 1. I will do my best to serve District 1 and continue to make the City of Elba a great place to live and grow.

Respectfully,

Tom G. Hooks
Council member - Elect

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Tom G. Hooks, 1400 Jones Street, Elba, AL 36323

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the voters of District 3 for their confidence in electing me their councilman. I believe there are some good things to be done in District 3 and all over Elba. With everyone working together we can make Elba better. Again, Thanks for your vote and confidence in making me your District 3, City Councilman.

Thanks
Mike McKee

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an investigator with the Covington County Sheriff's Department. He served as Kinston's Chief of Police for approximately two years and Samson's Chief of Police for approximately three years before volunteering to go overseas with the Army Reserves.

After returning home from overseas, Cobb said he will handle the payroll, make sure maintenance of the vehicles is up-to-date, assign schedules and coverage areas, investigate crimes and try to keep everything within budget.

Cobb said he also believes his past experiences running a police department will prove beneficial as he steps into his new role at New Brockton, and he is ready to meet the challenge.

Wiregrass United Way special to air September 7th

A thirty minute special focusing on the Wiregrass United Way will air Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. The simulcast will air on WDFX Fox 34, WDHN TV 18 and WTVY News 4. This special presentation is designed to raise public awareness about the Wiregrass United Way and the agencies they fund.

The simulcast will give the public a better understanding of how their contributions to Wiregrass United Way helps build a stronger community. During the program/viewers will get an in-depth look at five of the United Way agencies: Coffee County Family Services Center, Boys and Girls Club of Ozark, East Geneva County Senior Citizens Center, Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity and Vaughn-Blumberg Center.

These stations have donated this service to the Wiregrass United Way for a number of years. There is no cost to the United Way in the production or airing of the simulcast.

Walter Hill, CEO of the Wiregrass United Way said that this service is one that the organization could never afford to pay for.

Hill stated that he believes that this thirty minute program can go a long way in showing people that giving to Wiregrass United Way is the best way to help the most people. He added, "I hope people will take the time out of their busy schedule to watch this show and learn more about the role of the United Way in the communities we serve."

The Wiregrass United Way has 36 member agencies and serves Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The services provided by the agencies are divided into four focus areas. They are: serving people with special needs, strengthening families and individuals, meeting basic needs and helping youth succeed.

Senator Harris Smith of St. Louis is serving as chair of the campaign this year. There are five county campaign chairs working with her. They are Jeff Brannon, Coffee County, Rep. Steve Cloud, Dale County, David Snell, Geneva County, Lester Killebrew, Henry County and Mike Schmitz, Houston County.

The goal for Wiregrass United Way's 2004-2005 campaign will be announced at the campaign kickoff. The annual kickoff will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14th. The public is invited to attend. It will be held at the National Peanut Festival fairgrounds in Dothan inside the exhibit building. The cost to attend is only \$5 per person and dinner will be served.

The Wiregrass United Way has served the Wiregrass area since 1938. Funds raised by Wiregrass United Way are utilized locally in the five county area. A committee of local volunteers determines how the funds are distributed among the member agencies. For more information call 792-9661.

Notice:

The Elba Police Department is seeking to collect \$2,500 through its 2004 Fall "Buy One, Give One" campaign. The money will be used to purchase a new patrol car for the Elba Police Department. The campaign will run from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. Members of the community are encouraged to purchase a new patrol car for the Elba Police Department.

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Elba band says "good-bye" to Willie - the tube

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Baptists prepare to feed victims of Hurricane Frances

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Alabama Baptist Convention operates a very successful and effective ministry of feeding disaster victims around the world. During the past weekend and into Tuesday of this week volunteers from around the state were staging units of their disaster relief team at the New Brockton Farm Center waiting for Hurricane Frances to pass. Once the storm has passed this group will be assigned to a key location in the disaster area where they will

feed storm victims and relief workers, according to Baptist Association State Volunteer Coordinator Larry Murphy of Enterprise.

When preparing to give assistance, the volunteers have no idea where they will be assigned. In this situation they were waiting to first be sure their services were not needed by some Alabama community. Once it was determined this would be unnecessary they expected to be dispatched to one of the many places damaged by the hurricane in Florida or

maybe Georgia.

The unit and many of the same volunteers have just returned from feeding relief workers in Florida involved in helping victims of Hurricane Charley. On that mission they served a total of 46,000 meals in 15 days.

The semi trailer pictured above should be recognized in Elba, as it has been on site in Elba feeding flood victims.

In addition to this cooking and serving van, there are smaller units which carry support equipment; one equipped with a

steam cleaner, two 40 gallon steam kettles with tables and a hot water heater, one equipped with six showers, two hot water heaters, washing machine and dryer and one of several water purification units the group utilizes. Still another trailer serves as an independent communications unit which can operate independent of storm damaged local communications.

When these units initially set up in some disaster area they will have with them enough food to prepare 40,000 hot meals. They are equipped to serve up to 10,000 meals a day. In some cases where they have the room the volunteers are even equipped to deliver the meals to motorists. "Just visit our drive thru."

These trailers are manned by an all volunteer staff, 50% have specialized training for this work and the other 50% are bankers, housewives, retirees, etc., who make the trips and learn from those with the formal training.

Cliff McMahan, of Birmingham, is retired and has served with the disaster feeding ministry literally around the world. He also designs and constructs much of the specialized equipment needed for the massive relief work of the group. Monday morning he was checking the operating condition of generators and going through his checklist of needed items to ensure they had everything that was needed. On Sunday McMahan had driven to Elba to see how things looked when back to normal. He spent time here serving meals to flood victims following the 1998 flood.

Floyd Morrow, of Elba, who also actively supports this volunteer ministry, said of McMahan, "Every time I show up to help at one of these disaster feeding units, Cliff is already there working away."



COFFEE COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATOR STAN WINDHAM (left) addressed the Elba Lions Club Tuesday, Aug. 24, during the club's regular meeting. Windham spoke on the diversity within Coffee County ranging from the five schools: Elba, Enterprise, Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinston, to the county's agriculture production. He said Coffee County had over \$150 million in agriculture production last year alone, and annually ranks high in state among several different fields. Also pictured is Brian McLeod, Elba Lions Club president.

Dorsey employees eligible for extended pay benefits

Current and former employees of Dorsey Trailers, Flatbed Division, in Elba may be eligible for benefits under the federal Trade Act of 2002. Approximately 300 employees from the plant that remains open may qualify for benefits. "A petition filed on behalf of Dorsey Trailers workers was certified by the U.S. Department of Labor on August 20, 2004," says Phyllis Kennedy, director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations. The U.S. Department of Labor found that workers, employed in the production of flatbed trailers, may have become unemployed as a result of increased imports. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after July 20, 2003, and before the termination date of August 20, 2006. Under the Trade Act of 2002, displaced workers may be eligible for subsidized vocational training, job search assistance, relocation allowances, and the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). Additional information on the HCTC is available by calling toll-free, 1-866-628-HCTC (4282). If workers have exhausted their cash benefits under other state and federal unemployment compensation programs, they could be eligible for additional weekly payments equivalent to the amount they were receiving under other programs. In order to receive Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits, workers must be enrolled in training eight weeks after the certification date or 16 weeks after their last qualifying separation. A waiver of the training requirement must be granted by the Alabama State

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Coffee County Schools rank second in state on meeting accountability goals

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 2, and superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram took advantage of an opportunity to brag on the school system.

Ingram said she was very happy to report that the Coffee County School System placed second in the state in regards to meeting accountability goals. She said this is proof that the school system is doing the things asked of it.

"We've met these goals that were set forth for us," Ingram said.

The superintendent also took time during the meeting to thank several people involved with bus accident which occurred Monday, Aug. 30, on Highway 87.

Ingram said the bus driver, James Hataway, realized his bus was going to be hit from behind and had the presence of mind to keep the bus moving rather than hit the brakes. She said his quick thinking and good driving most likely kept the accident from being any worse than it was, and she felt he should be commended for the good job in which he did.

Ingram also thanked the emergency personnel that responded quickly to the scene of the accident including the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Coffee County EMS and Goodman Fire Department.

Board members voted to approve the school system's capital plan. Ingram said the

good thing about this plan is that it can be reviewed and changed at any time.

Some of the projects discussed for the plan were the roof of the vocational building at New Brockton High School, improvements to the outside of the older building at New Brockton, the roof at Kinston Elementary School, the roof of the field house at Zion Chapel High School, improvements for the New Brockton Elementary School gym, repairs to a small place on the roof at New

Brockton Elementary School and the paving of the parking lot at Kinston High School.

Board members also voted to approve a land lease at Zion Chapel for the school's off-site sewage disposal system.

Ingram said the health department has approved plans for the system, and the school will lease 5.51 acres of land from the Annabelle Wilkes family trust. Ingram said the entire 5.51 acres

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Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 10, with the Elba Tigers playing host to the Houston Academy Raiders, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Wicksburg, the Kinston Bulldogs playing host to Pleasant Home, and the Brantley Bulldogs playing host to the Zion Chapel Rebels.

THE NEXT FARM CITY MEETING will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Extension Office at 7:30 a.m. Please remember to bring recipes for the Farm City Cookbook.

WIREGRASS HOSPICE INC. will conduct its monthly GriefShare group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. in the community room of The Citizen's Bank, 301 S. Edwards St. (near the courthouse), in Enterprise. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Cathrina Arnold at 347-3353.

A COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the County Complex, Highway 94, in New Brockton. Speakers will be local Democratic candidates and officials from the State Democratic Party. Anyone interested in becoming more actively involved in the Democratic Party is encouraged to attend the meeting and to join the Coffee County Democratic Club. The public is invited to attend this meeting.



Jimmy R. Guilford, of Elba, was driving this Volvo semi truck last Friday when it wrecked in Campbellton, Florida. The concrete blocks in front of the truck were once part of the front porch of the home. Guilford was airlifted to a Dothan hospital but is now home. There were no other injuries.

Elba man hurt in Florida truck-house collision

The home of a Campbellton, Florida woman was completely destroyed when a semi-truck crashed into it on Friday afternoon, September 3rd.

Marie Brantley, age 95, who has lived in her home just south of Campbellton on Hwy. 231 for over 60 years, was in the back part of the house when the truck crashed into it.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, the crash occurred at approximately 2:00 p.m., when the 2000 Volvo tractor trailer was northbound on U.

S. Hwy. 231. Jimmy R. Guilford, age 47, of Elba, Alabama, driver of the truck, apparently blacked out causing his semi to go off the right side of the roadway, striking a stop sign, continuing into a ditch and striking a culvert. The truck then crashed into the house, shearing off the porch and front part of the house, and came to a stop when it hit a large pine tree just beside the house.

Guilford was airlifted by an Air Heart Helicopter to Flowers Hospital in Dothan. According to the FHP report Guilford had only moderate injuries, he was later discharged and family members described his injuries as three broken ribs and numerous cuts and bruises around his head and on his arms.

Approximately \$60,000 worth of damage was done to the home, while the tractor was totaled and the trailer had approximately \$6,000 worth of damage.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper E.D. Whiddon investigated the crash.